

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a hearing on Thursday, March 18, 2010, to examine the suspension and debarment process at the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The hearing entitled: "Rewarding Bad Actors: Why do Poor Performing Contractors Continue to Get Government Business?" focused on reports issued recently by the Inspectors General at DOT and DHS that raised serious concerns about flaws in efforts to prevent ineligible persons and businesses, due to past misconduct, from receiving federal contracts. In addition, the hearing examined why DOT and DHS are not following Suspension and Debarment (S&D) regulations and explore the effect of poor S&D implementation on government interests.

The hearing took place at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

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The witnesses scheduled to testify included:

Mr. Calvin L. Scovell, III
Inspector General
United States Department of Transportation

Mr. Richard L. Skinner
Inspector General
United States Department of Homeland Security

Mr. Donald A. Gambatesa
Inspector General
U.S. Agency for International Development

Mr. Gregory H. Woods
Deputy General Counsel

United States Department of Transportation

Ms. Elaine D. Duke
Under Secretary for Management
United States Department of Homeland Security

Mr. Drew W. Luten, III
Acting Assistant Administrator for Management
United States Agency for International Development

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